

ENERGY CODE

Effective September 1st, 2002

What is the Energy Code?

The Energy Code consists of two codes, the 2000 International Residential Code (Chapter 11 only) and the 2000 International Energy Conservation Code; both of which will be amended by the City of Houston to address Houston climate specific items within the codes.

Who does it affect?

The Energy Code will affect all new construction and additions and alterations to existing buildings. The code will affect all trades: building, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical.

Why a new code?

The Energy Code is mandated by state law. The law gives certain stipulations and requires that municipalities enforce the provisions of the code. The basis and goal of the law is to reduce the air pollutant emissions, moderate future electric power demand, reduce energy costs, and make buildings more energy efficient overall.

When does this start?

State law requires that cities such as Houston enforce the Energy Code by *September 1, 2002*.

How does this affect me?

The code will affect Houston citizens/builders in almost all phases of the permit process. Plans will require an Energy Analysis Form on most projects, and there will be additional inspections or information required in areas such as insulation, windows, and heating and cooling equipment.

How do I learn more?

To get more information please call one of the numbers below:

Structural (Commercial)	713-535-7532
Structural (Residential)	713-535-7723
Mechanical	713-535-7665
Plumbing	713-535-7541
Electrical	713-535-7545

